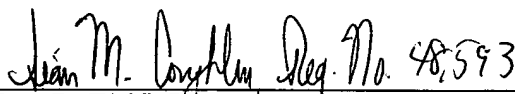


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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On page 31, amend the table legend of Table 2D as follows:

Table 2D. ClustalW Analysis of NOV2

- 1) NOV2 (SEQ ID NO:7)
- 2) gi|13160051|emb|CAC32456.1| dJ741H3.1.1 (attractin (with dipeptidylpeptidase IV activity) secreted isoform) [Homo sapiens] (SEQ ID NO:[32]127)
- 2) gi|4585307|gb|AAD25372.1|AF119821.1 attractin [Mus musculus] (SEQ ID NO:33)
- 3) gi|13431313|sp|Q9WU60|ATRN MOUSE ATTRACTIN PRECURSOR (MAHOGANY PROTEIN) (SEQ ID NO:34)
- 4) gi|6912258|ref|NP_036202.1| attractin; attractin (with dipeptidylpeptidase IV activity); mahogany protein [Homo sapiens] (SEQ ID NO:35)
- 5) gi|12275312|dbj|BAB21018.1| attractin [Rattus norvegicus] (SEQ ID NO:36)

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